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SUBJECT: CENTO POLITICAL GUIDANCE

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1. SUMMARY APPRAISAL OF STATUS OF POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER:
AT THE INITIATIVE OF PAKISTAN, WHICH HAS CONTINUED TO SEEK
CENTO SUPPORT IN ITS REGIONAL DISPUTES, AN AD HOC POLITICAL
WORKING GROUP IN ANKARA BEGAN DISCUSSION IN 1974 OF A DRAFT
PAPER "POLITICAL GUIDANCE FOR MILITARY PLANNING". FIRST TURKEY,
THEN IRAN, STALLED DISCUSSION OF THE PAPER. TURKEY CEASED ITS
OBSTRUCTION AFTER SUBMITTING A REVISED DRAFT WHICH INCORPORATED
A NUMBER OF OPEN-ENDED COMMITMENTS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE
AND SUPPORT BY THE US AND UK. IRAN IS NO LONGER OBSTRUCTING
DISCUSSION BUT IS TAKING A NEARLY PASSIVE ROLE. CURRENTLY,
MORE THAN HALF THE PAPER'S 22 PARAS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY
THE POLITICAL WORKING GROUP AD REFERENDUM. THE GROUP IS,
HOWEVER, DEADLOCKED ON A NUMBER OF PARAS WHICH BEAR DIREATLY
ON A KEY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE REGIONAL AND NON-REGIONAL
PARTICIPANTS IN CENTO: THE QUESTION OF WHETHER CENTO
PLANNERS ARE TO PREPARE FOR "WARS BY PROXY" AGAINST REGIONAL
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MEMBERS OR AGAINST ANY OTHER CONTINGENCIES THAT DO NOT RPT
NOT INVOLVE DIRECT SOVIET AGGRESSION. THE US AND UK CONTINUE
TO MAINTAIN THAT THE MANDATE OF CENTO IS TO RESIST DIRECT
SOVIET AGGRESSION, AND THAT ADEQUATE POLITICAL GUIDANCE
ALREADY EXISTS. NO POSSIBLE FORMULAS FOR COMPROMISE HAVE YET
APPEARED.

2. SEC GEN'S INITIATIVE: SEC GEN BAYULKEN'S SPECIAL ASST METCALFE TOLD US APRIL 11 THAT THE IDEAS BROACHED BY BAYULKEN IN WASH AND LONDON REGARDING SOME ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF MEETING PAKISTAN'S DESIRE FOR AN IMPROVED US AND UK COMMITMENT ARE "STILL IN THE FORMATIVE STAGE". BAYULKEN HAS YET TO WORK OUT THE SPECIFICS OF A PROPOSAL. IN ANY EVENT, METCALFE SAID, BAYULKEN IS NOT CONSIDERING PROPOSING A CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER BUT RATHER IS THINKING OF SUGGESTING SOME SORT OF AN INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND THE US AND UK. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER BAYULKEN HAD DISCUSSED HIS IDEAS WITH BHUTTO DURING BAYULKEN'S RECENT ANNUAL TRIP TO ISLAMABAD.

3. DATE OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: SPECIAL ASST. ALSO TOLD US THAT THE DATE OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE CENTO MINISTERIAL REMAINS UNCERTAIN. SINCE MAY 13 IS A FRIDAY AND THEREFORE NOT A WORKING DAY IN IRAN, THE STEERING COMMITTEE MAY HAVE TO MEET ON THURSDAY, MAY 12, HE SAID. HE PROMISED TO LET US KNOW AS SOON AS HE HAD DEFINITE INFORMATION.
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